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Presidential candidates take a stance on important issues that affect Native Americans

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# HCN Department of Education launches the new Financial Literacy Course

Tim Wohlers  
Staff Writer

The Ho-Chunk Nation's legislature recently revised the ordinance regarding per-capita distribution. Due to that revision, the ordinance now includes a requirement for tribal members to partake in an online financial-literacy course before being able to collect their trust fund money.

To discuss the changes, the Department of Education held a launch of the literacy course in the tribal office building on October 13. Along with many others, representatives from the department helped create the course so that it will be of help to the Nation's youth.

"Any kind of education is really beneficial for our young people," said Michelle Cloud, Division Manager of Culture and Community Education. "What they're going to learn within this content is going to serve them for the rest of their lives."

With the help of Financial Fitness Group, a team of educators who specialize in financial literacy, the Nation devised the program in hopes of teaching its tribal members how to

become better consumers.

"We want our students to be prepared as they go out into the world," said Executive Director Nehomah Thundercloud. "We want to make sure that they're knowledgeable."

Some members of the tribe indicated that they support the new ordinance. In an introductory video for the literacy course, traditional chief Clayton Winneshiek voiced his own support.

"Learning to manage your money successfully is crucial in today's world," Winneshiek said. "This financial literacy course will cover a variety of financial concepts that are important."

The event featured several Ho-Chunk speakers, including Master of Ceremonies Lance Long.

"Every now and then," Long said, "the Nation asks me to come and talk for them."

Long welcomed the audience before handing the mic over to those directly involved with the program. One of these people was Joe Saari, Founder and Chairman of the Financial Fitness Group. During his address,

Saari stressed the importance of good money management.

"Money is a tool that we use on this planet," Saari said. "It won't make you happy. But managing it poorly will make you unhappy."

Several employees of the Education Department are working to improve financial literacy among the tribe.

"Knowledge is power," said Marcus Lewis, Manager of the Higher Ed Division. "And from that knowledge comes the ability to protect yourself."

After the opening remarks, students were given a chance to test out the website and even begin the online course. During this session, the soon-to-be graduates expressed their appreciation of the wonderful opportunity that the Nation has provided.

"I am thankful that we get this class," said high-school senior Lacey Hopinka, "because I do not know a lot about money."

Some parents are supporting the course, hopeful that it will be helpful to their children in making financial



The Department of Education's Executive Director, Nehomah Thundercloud helps a student navigate the new website.

decisions.

"I think it's a really good idea that this is offered to them," said tribal member Elaina Ward, "so that they are able to spend their money wisely and invest it."

Students have until July 31 to complete the course, which consists of 14 modules that build off one another.

These topics include credit, taxes, predatory lending, housing, vehicle acquisition, managing your money at a bank or credit union,

budgeting, lifestyle planning/setting financial goals, investments, insurance/risk management, retirement, choosing a financial advisor/planner, education and employment, and consumer protection against fraud.

"There's 14 tutorials," Cloud said. "The thought behind those 14 [tutorials] is kind of based on what they hope you will learn."

A nonprofit agency committed to educating students about financial literacy, Make A Difference Wiscon-

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The Education Department and the website's developers stand behind students who will be taking the course.

# A warrior society doesn't always want war

Marlon WhiteEagle

Editor

The Ho-Chunk Nation has always been a warrior society. We have always valued our culture and way of life and were willing to defend it. In early times, our population was in the hundreds of thousands.

War parties provided a safe and comfortable living and learning environment. Ceremonies were conducted prior warriors going out to do what had to be done and thanks was giving on their return.

Ho-Chunk have fought along with the US troops since the Spanish-American war all the way up to current occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Throughout time, our Ho-Chunk warrior society fought with purpose to defend and protect our home territory.

Today's US military fights

against terrorist on the command of the US president, while the US hasn't declared war since 1942.

With the presidential election just over a week away, the US is likely to elect Hillary Clinton as its next president and first women to hold that office.

But is Clinton the right choice for our Ho-Chunk warrior society? Do we always want war?

I think current military action in Iraq, Afghanistan, and most likely in Syria are resource extracting and profit based decisions.

In 2002, as a Democratic senator from New York, Clinton crossed party lines to vote in favor of war in Iraq.

Numerous Ho-Chunk military personnel gained battlefield experience during this time.

Now in 2015, Clinton said

her vote for war in Iraq was a mistake as she became a presidential candidate.

But as Secretary of State, Clinton said "to support American businesses in the years to come, as we do in our diplomatic, especially, our commercial diplomatic work all over the world. And so it is time for the US to start thinking of Iraq as a business opportunity."

This statement demonstrates more about profits and capitalism, and less about fight to protect our home territory.

In an International Business Times online article, it was reported that JP Morgan was selected by the US to run an import/export bank in Iraq. In the same article Exxon Mobil was selected to redevelop Iraqi oil fields.

Both JP Morgan and Exxon Mobil have donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Clinton Foundation.

Clinton's regime change tactics during her stint as Secretary of State also demonstrate profitability and exploitation of smaller countries.

The 2009 Honduran coup d'état of President Zelaya has been viewed by numerous sources to be illegal. World banks were illegally logging the Honduran forests, and had plans to build a hydroelectric dam on a river that threaten indigenous communities,

much like what is occurring in North Dakota with the Dakota Access Pipeline.

Subsequently, Berta Cáceres, an indigenous Lenca tribal leader and environmental activist was killed in March 2016 after she singled out Hillary Clinton preventing the return of President Zelaya. There was also a complaint that US military had a presence on indigenous land.

The 2011 Libyan regime change and killing of Muammar Gaddafi based on fears of further atrocities under a Gaddafi government. Clinton helped usher in a no fly zone that caused Qatar to send troops to help overthrow the government.

One year later, the attack on the US embassy in Benghazi occurred. US Ambassador and Chinook tribal member, Chris Stevens was killed during the attack.

WikiLeaks email release proved that Stevens' location was communicated between State Department officials and Clinton. Clinton also was criticized for not addressing the request for more security leading up to the attack.

In the final presidential debate of 2016, Clinton vowed to establish another no fly zone in Syria. Many believe this could lead directly to war with Russia. Russia is currently assisting Syria in their

fight with rebel forces armed with US weapons.

President Obama and Clinton have agreed that the best way to help Israel maintain their nuclear monopoly in the region is to do yet another regime change in Syria. Fear that Iran may reach a nuclear threshold and Syria and other countries would challenge Israel. Iran and Syria have an alliance, just as US and Israel have an alliance.

US recently pledged \$38 billion in military aid to Israel over the next 10 years. The US-Israel relations have been strong throughout the Cold War era.

Israel votes with the US at the UN, giving the US the appearance of international support. Israel gets US military support. The two countries share intelligence. The US and Israel also have free trade agreements with one another.

It seems the likelihood of a Clinton presidency is high, so the likelihood of war in Syria is also just as high. Are Ho-Chunks willing to vote for a war were a select few defense contractors reap the profits and our military men and women are left to deal with the psychological and emotional trauma of war?

I believe a warrior society doesn't always want war. Especially one that could lead to nuclear war.

## Journalism is taking a beating because of biased reporting

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

"Think outside the box."

We've all heard that phase which encourages people to think beyond the standard ideas we've been accustomed to following.

But lately I think there's even a more important meaning to this phase.

Think outside the box on your wall – the one you worship every night. In other words, think beyond what you see and hear from television.

The reason for that statement is that you can't always believe what is being transmitted from the station and into your brain.

They say that about the Internet – that you can't believe everything you read on the Internet. The same applies to television.

Never has the biased mainstream media been more evident that lately.

The Ho-Chunk Nation has clearly been in support of the Standing Rock Sioux in North Dakota in their efforts to stop the Dakota Access Pipeline from being constructed through their lands. Yet, the major news outlets have completely ignored the issue. CBS, ABC and NBC haven't even offered a suggestion about what is going on out there.

Similarly, the major corporate news outlets are trying its best to influence the presidential election. Information is omitted, or emphasized for effect. While one candidate will routinely get bashed during the evening news, the other candidate will be treated with kid gloves, as if the network is campaigning for that candidate.

Journalists are taught to ask a question and let the person answer, not to get into an argument and interrupt the per-

son. Obvious bias is showing. So, what does all this mean?

It means, if it continues to develop in this fashion, all credibility of the mainstream media is lost. Every journalist has been educated to treat every issue in a neutral fashion – to remain unbiased and objective. But that journalistic integrity is lost today, with bias and opinions offered in almost every story.

The credibility of the press will be in question well beyond this election cycle. People will begin to wonder, as they should, if anything they say is correct, or slanted to influence public opinion for a specific agenda.

One of the worse examples of influencing public opinion is when support is needed to go to war. The consequences of those actions have far-reaching negative impact for years, even generations, to come.

Whenever I think about this situation, I think about the book "1984" by George Orwell, where the people are all controlled by the messages issued by Big Brother. Our society is working toward that end, which requires you to accept what you are being told on the "box." A lot of those messages are already being accepted by many.

Some of those messages from the book are "War is Peace," "Freedom is Slavery," and "Ignorance is Strength."

How many people actually question what we hear and see from the media is true, or do they follow blindly?

As the choice was given in the movie The Matrix: You can take the blue or the red pill. You can live in a world of deception, or you can wake up and realize you've been deceived.

The choice is yours.

## Financial Literacy

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sin, provided the curriculum for the course and its participants.

"We're in a three-year process with our vendors," Thundercloud said. "So this is a really good step."

The founder of the Financial Fitness Group explained the reason behind choosing an online format for the course, instead of opting for the traditional classroom setting.

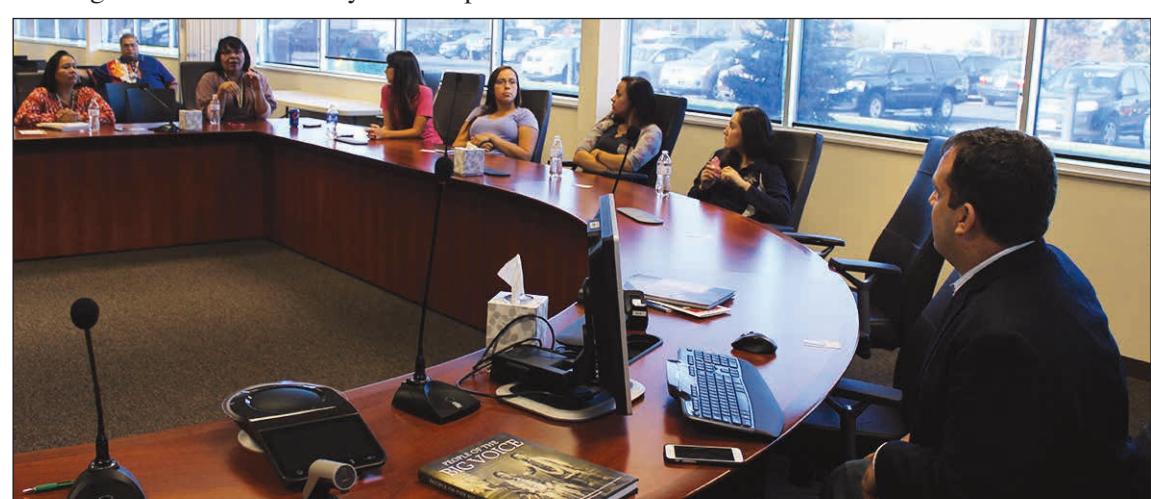
"They can do all of the training when and where they

want," Saari said. "Those modules can be accessed from your smartphone, tablet, or your computer."

So accessing the course proves easy. But its development did not.

"A lot of hard work goes into developing this thing," Lewis said. "This is the outgrowth of some prayers that were said a long time ago."

Thanks to the helping hands lent by Financial Fitness Group and Make A Difference



Developers of the website engage in an educational discussion with students and representatives from the Education Department.



Financial Fitness Group's Joe Saari addresses the audience during the launch of the financial literacy course.



The East Fork Drum Group performs the "Traveling Song."

Wisconsin, those prayers have now been answered. But the journey does not end here. The Nation hopes to keep the dream alive for the sake of future generations.

"The end goal is to make sure that our students make informed decisions with their money," Cloud said. "There's been mishandling of those funds by our young people. We want to move past that."

# New facility to enhance Nekoosa Health Office staff and services

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

The Nekoosa area has a big, bright new building to call its own, offering services to keep Ho-Chunk community members in good health, both physically and mentally.

The new Nekoosa Health Office is open for business, having been constructed this summer, with the staff moving in to the facility at the end of August.

"The Central Wisconsin community of Cex ha cii is at the 'Heart of the Ho-chunk Nation,' said Department of Health Director Ona Garvin. "The Ho-Chunk people residing in that area have needed a facility where they can receive health care and be

the number one priority for service. Our Health Offices have been moved three times in the past several years after making improvements in the buildings now housing Youth Services, the Community building and a downtown location."

Staff housed at the new facility include a community health nurse, a community health representative, two certified nursing assistants, an exercise physiologist, two registered dieticians/nutritionists, an AODA substance abuse counselor, a mental health counselor, an urban/rural women's grant specialist (wrap-around services for mental, health and substance abuse), and an office manager.



Office Manager Shoshana Trickle provides contact between client and provider, as well as a intermediate for conveying vital information.

## Black River Memorial Hospital named one of the Best Places to Work in Healthcare

*Award Recognizes Outstanding Employers in the Healthcare Industry on a National Level*

Submitted by Amy Yaeger,  
Black River Memorial Hospital

Black River Memorial Hospital (BRMH) announced it has placed 4th in Modern Healthcare's 2016 Best Places to Work in Healthcare awards. The magazine's annual Best Places to Work in Healthcare program recognizes employers for creating workplaces in healthcare that enable employees to perform at their best and provide patients and customers with high quality care and services. The rankings are based on survey responses by staff in the hospital and compared to other organizations who apply for this honor.

Amy Yaeger, spokesperson for BRMH, said, "The culture we each create for each other

and our patients every day, the outstanding benefits package we have and the leadership support for staff wellness initiatives are just some of the reasons for this recognition."

Black River Memorial Hospital is a community hospital in Black River Falls and has been recognized again this year by several organizations for top level performance like iVantage Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals, and Studer Group's Excellence in Patient Care.

Modern Healthcare is a weekly, 70,037-circulation business publication targeting executives in the healthcare industry. It is an independent American publisher of national and regional healthcare news.

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It also provides services for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), including a doctor exam room. An exercise room is available to everyone that presently has a stationary bicycle, but will have a variety of exercise equipment, including a treadmill.

The staff essentially remains the same as before the construction of the new facility, except for one important addition: Shoshana Trickle. Shoshana is the office manager who ties all the different elements together, said Steve Herman, AODA counselor at the Nekoosa Health Office.

For instance, prior to her arrival, many of the staff would be away from the office, therefore reaching anyone or getting any schedule or information was often difficult. But now she is considered the central hub of information who will be able to connect clients with the professionals and the information they seek, Herman said.

The Health Offices will serve infants, children, adolescents, and adults through their elder years.

"We will be able to conduct diabetes and nutrition education for all at our new kitchen, Garvin said. "Casino employees are also welcome to receive services. A new addition is our Office Manager, Shoshana Trickle who



The new Nekoosa Health Office, located on Highway G between the casino and the Youth Services building, gives the public a permanent base for physical and mental health needs.

will be at the office to relay messages, help assist with scheduling, and, help all who enter."

The staff appreciates the new surroundings, which helps their ability to assist their clients.

"I have nothing but gratitude for the Ho-Chunk Nation in providing this," Herman said. "It enhances our level of professionalism."

Another big aspect of the new facility is a 90-inch smart television. It hasn't been mounted on the wall yet, but when it does, it will provide opportunities for staff and clients in many different ways.

"We will be able to video conference with the staff in Black River Falls, which will save a long trip to attend meetings," Herman said. "Also, it will be a drawing

point for clients. We can host a Packer tailgate party, watch the game, and then hold a group meeting afterward."

"We are extremely happy that our staff now has an up-to-date facility that is welcoming to our tribal members," Garvin said. "Heartfelt thanks go to Mr. Kenneth LeMieux, previous Executive Director of Health for kicking off this effort in 2013, Heather Cloud, former Area 3 Legislator, and to Carol Rollins (retired), director of Community Health, for making this dream a reality. Thank you Area 3 Representative Darren Brinegar for serving a kettle of hominy and neckbones on March 12, 2014, to Kenneth LeMieux and Wally Apland. Thank you, thank you!"

To contact the clinic, call (715) 886-5444.

## "Walk For Those In The Past, Present And Future"

November is National Diabetes Awareness month. To promote awareness and our dedication to fighting this disease, we will be holding walks in the following communities:



Wittenberg Health Office Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am-2pm  
Tomah Health Office Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am-2pm  
Nekoosa Health Office No. 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am-2pm  
LaCrosse Riverside Park Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am-2pm  
Black River Falls TOB Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm  
Wisconsin Dells HOW Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm



Together we can raise awareness and fight this disease!  
Be a part of this important event and help yourself and those around you to stand up and fight!

Hosted by the Health & Wellness Division  
For more information contact 715-284-9851 Ext. 5385 or Ext. 5039

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# Presidential candidates take a stance on important issues that affect Native Americans

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Election time has come again. And after months of weighing their options, American citizens now face a difficult decision that could severely impact our nation's future. For this Tuesday, November 8, they must choose the next president of the United States.

With just over a week left in the race, four candidates stand a fighting chance to win the election.

In the blue corner, Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton aspires to be our first female president. Having served as a U.S. Senator, and as the Secretary of State under the Obama administration, Clinton lives in the world of politics. During her career, she has negotiated peace deals and traveled to hundreds of different countries. One could argue that such experience makes Clinton a solid candidate for the presidency.



**Hillary Clinton, Democrat**

But the American people question her integrity. Facing the possibility of criminal misconduct charges, Clinton lied about transmitting classified information over a private server. Because of this, voters have begun to doubt the Democratic candidate and her judgement.

Fighting out of the red corner, Republican Donald Trump seeks to become the oldest president ever elected to office. Over the past several months, Trump voiced some pretty radical ideas.

One of these included building a giant wall between the U.S. and our southern neighbor, Mexico. Trump believes that such a barrier will solve the country's illegal immigration problems.

To combat terrorism, Trump proposed extreme vetting of Muslims trying to enter the U.S. So to reduce the perceived threat that he implies they pose, Trump suggests we treat incoming Muslims differently than other prospective immigrants. The radicalism does not stop there, however.

If elected president, Trump promises to appoint a special prosecutor to investigate Hillary Clinton and her evident mishandling of classified information. During one of the debates, Trump even suggested that she would be imprisoned were he commander in chief.

Americans need not worry, though. More options are available.

Representing the Libertarian Party, businessman Gary Johnson hopes to become the first third-party candidate to win the presidential election in over 150 years. Critics consider Johnson to be socially liberal, yet fiscally conservative.

As governor of New Mexico, Johnson campaigned for the decriminalization of marijuana and repeatedly cut taxes. He also exercised his veto power more than all the other governors put together.

Another third-party candidate, Jill Stein represents the Green Party. Like Hillary, she wishes to become our country's first female president. A physician in her previous life, Stein promotes healthy lifestyle choices and protests any harmful environmental practices that endanger the welfare of society. At any given time, she can be found protesting against the use of nonrenewable energy sources such as oil and coal. Clearly, Stein practices that which she preaches.

All of these candidates have their strengths, and their weaknesses. Based on those

strengths, some candidates appeal to the average voter more than others. However, Native American voters might want to take a closer look at the issues that directly affect the nation's tribes before reaching a decision.

One area of concern is the honoring of Native American treaties. Unfortunately, not all of the candidates have taken a stance on the issue. But for their part, Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton and Green Party nominee Jill Stein strongly support the treaties.

According to her campaign website, "Hillary Clinton believes the United States has a sacred trust with Native Americans. She is committed to strengthening and building on the government-to-government relationship between the United States and Indian tribes, and believes the United States should fulfill its treaty obligations and trust responsibilities to Tribal Nations. She believes we need to break down all the barriers that hold Native Americans back and build ladders of opportunity for all Native American people. That includes removing obstacles that contribute to addiction, high unemployment and poverty rates on many reservations. At the core of Clinton's agenda is a simple idea: every child in America should be able to live up to his or her God-given potential."

The Green Party candidate also plans to honor the treaties. Stein makes this clear on her campaign website.

It reads, "We are committed to respecting treaties with Native peoples and transforming the nature of this colonial relationship."

Also, in a recent Twitter post, Stein stated that "Native American land & treaty rights often stand as the front line against government & corporate attempts to exploit the Earth's resources."

No information on the subject could be found from either Trump's or Johnson's campaign.

Another issue deeply concerning the Native American community has been the construction of oil pipelines that greatly threaten the environment.

Clinton opposes pipeline construction, and the danger it presents. In a statement made late last year, she vehemently objected construction of the Keystone XL pipeline.

She then stated, "I want the American people to know where I stand. That's why I am making it clear: I am opposed to the construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline. We shouldn't be building a pipeline dedicated to moving North America's dirtiest fuel

through our communities – we should be focused on what it will take to make America the clean energy superpower of the 21st century. For too long, the Keystone XL pipeline has been a distraction from the real challenges facing our energy sector – and the job-creating investments that we should be making to meet them. Building a clean, secure, and affordable North American energy future is bigger than Keystone XL or any other single project.

That's what I will focus on as president."

The Green Party nominee agreed.

On her campaign website, Stein contended that "the State Department makes it clear that the sticking point in their minds is the route of the pipeline. This fails utterly to address the critical issue – which is the amount of carbon that will be exhausted into the atmosphere from the Canadian tar sands. No matter which route is taken, this pipeline is a disaster for the planet. No further study is needed to come to this conclusion. As president, I would terminate this project so that we can move forward to a green energy future."



**Jill Stein, Green Party**

However, Stein's actions at Standing Rock tell us the most about her. Having spray painted a bulldozer, Stein was charged with criminal trespassing and criminal mischief. In the face of the law, she stood with the Native American people in their plight against an imposing threat.



**Gary Johnson, Libertarian Party**

Photos courtesy of Google



**Donald Trump, Republican**

# Funds approved for Twelve Clans to begin business investments, opportunities

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

Twelve Clans Inc. is off and running.

It received the boost they needed to get going on Tuesday, Oct. 18, when the Ho-Chunk Legislature approved an investment of \$95 million to invest for the future of the Nation.

The commitment is \$20 million for the first year and \$15 million for each of the next five years.

Twelve Clans Inc. is the first product of the Ho-Chunk Nation's pursuit of separating business from government. The concept of Twelve Clans has been in progress and it is intended to diversify the revenue stream outside of gaming.

"The Ho-Chunk Nation has long known there was a need to diversify the revenue stream outside of gaming," said Joanne Whiterabbit, treasurer for Twelve Clans. "The question the Nation had to answer was this — how could the Nation best utilize the resources of Ho-Chunk gaming to preserve our future as a Nation? Answering this question was a challenging, long term process and through continued perseverance, Twelve Clans, Inc. was created."

The group has prepared an investment strategy with public investments and transitions into a combination of private and public investments. It plans to invest in businesses

as well as take advantage of the tax benefits available to it to create its own businesses, she said.

Passive investments (also referred to as public investments) are investments in which the funds are placed with corporations or funds that already exist and have a strong proven track record, Whiterabbit said. Private investments are more aggressive in their returns but have a greater risk. Twelve Clans, Inc. will invest in both public and passive investments.



**Joanne Whiterabbit,  
Twelve Clans Treasurer**

"Investments in the gaming arena are not off the table, however, we will not compete with the Ho-Chunk Nation for gaming revenue," Whiterabbit said. "There may be other opportunities that present themselves around the country or even internationally that we may consider. These opportunities, like any other venture, will be vetted to en-

sure they meet Twelve Clans' growth expectations and are consistent with its investment strategy."

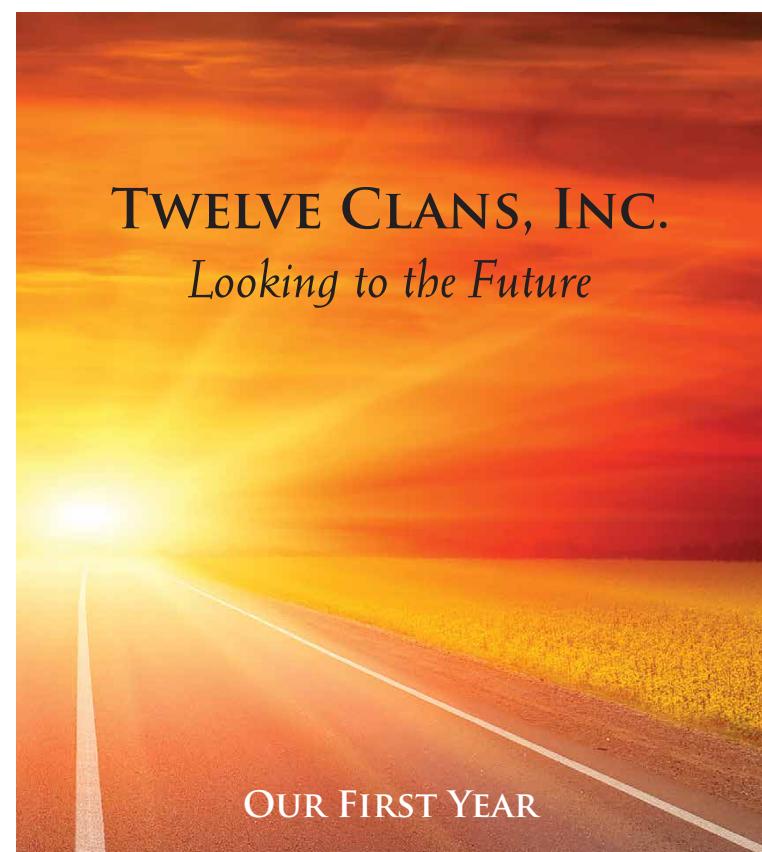
To date, there are no other tribal corporations in existence like Twelve Clans, Inc. Under the Charter, Twelve Clans operates separate and apart from the Nation.

Twelve Clans' primary goal is to build a future and secure the wealth of the Nation. The Charter does not impose any social mandates, however, it is committed to funding Ho-Chunk-owned businesses and creating career opportunities with a Ho-Chunk preference, when it is appropriate and consistent with the Twelve Clans' investment strategy.

For example, the Charter does not dictate what investment strategy Twelve Clans can utilize and it does not impose any or social mandates upon Twelve Clans, Inc. The Charter does require Twelve Clans to provide financial updates to the Ho-Chunk Nation, which is the sole owner of the corporation.

The leadership of Twelve Clans was selected through an ad hoc search committee which solicited applications and conducted in-person interviews and all board members passed a background check prior to being selected, she said.

"The selection process initiated by the Ho-Chunk Nation will be continued as is man-



## OUR FIRST YEAR

dated by our corporate charter," Whiterabbit said. "Under the Charter, not less than two members of the board of directors must be enrolled members of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

The Charter also dictates the skills that must be represented on the board. Our current vacancy is for a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation with law degree and business experience to complete the term for Sharice Davids. We welcome referrals and recommendations at info@12-clans.com."

The step taken by the Legislature has started a whole new era in financial sovereignty.

"The allocation of funds to Twelve Clans, Inc. from the Ho-Chunk Nation is a significant milestone," Whiterabbit said.

Twelve Clans, Inc. will provide further updates and share its progress via its website ([www.12-clans.com](http://www.12-clans.com)) and the Hocak Worak Newsletter. People may also email questions to Twelve Clans at info@12-clans.com."

## Tuesday Club offers letter of appreciation



**Mary O'Brien of the Tuesday Club of Black River Falls presents an honorary letter of appreciation to the Ho-Chunk Nation on Wednesday, Oct. 19, with Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland accepting the framed recognition. The letter states that the Tuesday Club appreciates the significant contributions of time and money to the many service organizations in the community.**



**To:** Twelve Clans, Inc. Shareholders  
**From:** Twelve Clans, Inc. Board of Directors  
**Date:** October 14, 2016

The Corporate Charter for Twelve Clans, Inc. requires the Board of Directors to provide an audited financial statement within 120 days following the close of the Corporation's fiscal year (June 30). Twelve Clans, Inc. retained the services of Clifton Larsen Allen, LLP to perform an annual audit. The Financial Audit had no significant findings, and you will find our Statement of Net Position, a balance sheet, included below.

Please visit [www.12-clans.com](http://www.12-clans.com) to obtain a copy of our first annual report, "Our First Year." This report outlines the Corporate Charter and provides a recap of our activities. We have also posted the full presentation from our Annual Shareholders meeting. This provides a more in depth presentation of our plan to move forward. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us through that site, or at [info@12-clans.com](mailto:info@12-clans.com)

### TWELVE CLANS, INC. (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION) STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2016

#### ASSETS

##### CURRENT ASSETS

Cash  
Certificates of Deposit  
Total Current Assets

Total Assets

\$ 643,550  
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Jason D. Lambert, Chairman  
Twelve Clans, Inc.

# Koenig dazzles, but Red wins annual scrimmage

Senior scores game-high 16 points, but Happ's double-double leads Red in win

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If the turnout of 7,306 fans for the annual Red/White Scrimmage was any indication, Wisconsin faithful appear to be pretty excited for the 2016-17 men's basketball season.

Led by Ethan Happ and Zak



Number 24, Bronson Koenig goes up for a shot at the rim.

Showalter, Team Red edged out a 48-46 win over Team White at the Kohl Center on Sunday afternoon. Happ tallied a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds, while Showalter finished with 12 points of his own to go along with two assists.

It was Happ's two free

throws with seven seconds remaining that broke a 46-46 tie. Bronson Koenig then missed a runner at the buzzer that would have sent the game into overtime, instead sealing the Red win.

Koenig and fellow senior Nigel Hayes led the way for Team White. Koenig scored a game-high 16 points, while also recording five assists and three steals. Hayes tallied 11 points and grabbed a pair of rebounds to go along with two assists and a steal.

"It was great to get out here in front of a big crowd and finally play some five on five," Koenig said. "It was really fun. We haven't been playing much five on five, we've been focusing more on the details. It was nice to get out there and get a feel while playing against each other."

Koenig, who has talked about his improved athleticism this offseason, made several highlight reel plays including back-to-back triples, a no-look dish for a bucket by



Senior point guard Bronson Koenig pushes the ball up the court during the annual Red & White Scrimmage.

Alex Illikainen and a pretty step-back baseline jumper.

"Bronson is definitely quicker, leaner, faster with the ball," head coach Greg Gard said. "Some of the decision making that we have talked about will get better as we go

through and get more accustomed to who's on the floor together. Physically though, I think the whole team has taken a step in the right direction. Now we just have to put the pieces together."

## Writers of the Hocak Worak awarded at NAJA Conference in New Orleans

Tim Wohlers  
Staff Writer

Hard work pays off. And for two writers of the Hocak Worak, the payout has finally arrived. Editor Marlon WhiteEagle, and veteran reporter Ken Luchterhand, recently received awards for their excellence in journalism at this year's Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) conference. The event took place in New Orleans, LA, from September 18 to September 20.

According to the NAJA website, "The annual competition recognizes excellence in reporting by Native and non-Native journalists across the US and Canada."

Together, WhiteEagle and Luchterhand won an astonishing six awards. WhiteEagle got first and second place for Best Column, and second place for Best Sports Story and Best Feature Photo.

Luchterhand got third place for Best Environmental Story and Best Feature Story. How-

ever, those awards were just a fraction of the hundreds handed out at the annual conference.

As reported in its website, "The Native American Journalists Association [awarded] more than 200 National Native Media Awards recognizing members' coverage of Indian Country during the 2016 NAJA Media Awards Banquet."

Considering the number of contestants, the feats of these two writers prove highly im-



Representing the Ho-Chunk Nation at the National Native Media Conference are (from left) Marlon WhiteEagle, Ken Luchterhand and Anna Reichenbach.

pressive.

For the NAJA website reveals that "there were more than 600 entries."

Taking home multiple awards from the contest, WhiteEagle and Luchterhand have now made a name for

themselves in the field of journalism. The rest of the staff here at the Hocak Worak wish to congratulate them in their extraordinary accomplishments. Keep up the good work, fellas.

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# Ho-Chunk Nation women veterans seek to continue flag raising and carrying rights through Traditional Court

Marlon WhiteEagle  
Editor

On Monday, October 24, the Ho-Chunk Nation Traditional Court heard from a group of Ho-Chunk Nation women veterans about their continued flag raising and carrying rights.

Ho-Chunk Nation Veterans Advisory Board chairperson Tasheena Cloud and Tribal Veterans Service Officer Margaret Garvin organized the group of women veterans to appear before the Traditional Court.

"With respect for my women relatives, my mom, cuwises, and daughters, I think about those kinds of rights. I was told that women shouldn't carry the eagle staff," Paul Cloud said.

"There's a new age, and times have changed, where women veterans are allowed to carry and raise the US, Ho-Chunk Nation, State of Wisconsin, Prisoner of War (POW), and military service flags."

Cloud was drafted into military service.

"In those days, I was more interested in shooting pool instead. But my family thought I should go represent our (Ho-Chunk) people, and be that way," Cloud said.

Cloud's parents had Howard Windblow pray with water about his military experience. He drank the water.

"I did my time and came home. My mind and body took in what I did," Cloud said.

"Today, I won't pick up arms unless they come here. When you come face to face with life and death, you change. These women veterans experience that. It used to be when the men got wounded, women folk took care of us. Now that we are here, things will fall into place."

Cloud said they are alright to carry flags. Powwows are for warriors. Women are now warriors. A lot of women are veterans. We adopted the flag.

"I thought I'd bring this forward. They don't feel good about it. Today, we honor people that are dishonorable in their service. These women veterans have serviced honorably," Cloud said.

Navy veteran Betty Kingsley spoke next on behalf of women veterans. She heard about the happenings from her toto Amos Kingsley. She said she joined the military during a time when women didn't do that kind of thing.

"We, women veterans, went through the same process of being selected for service. There's a brotherhood among those who served. That spirit

called us, like it called the men who served," Kingsley said.

"That spirit is in our women veterans. That spirit makes us do courageous things. They earned the same privilege. They can carry the flag with pride. I'm in favor of women carrying the flag."

Tasheena Cloud is also a Navy veteran. She said more American Indians serve in the military per capita than any other race.

"I have an honorable discharge and have been to war. I was there fighting for my people. My sisters who were able, went in the US Navy," Cloud said.

"It came to my attention that during Memorial Day powwow, women veterans carrying or raising flags wasn't wanted. I thought it was appropriate to not look over. I wouldn't want that right taken away from me."

Cloud said that today's military is highly selective.

"You can't have a criminal background and you can't do drugs to fight for our nation."

Myrna Thompson, a Marine Corps veteran, was also present to speak on the women veteran rights.

"I heard that this topic was being discussed. I thought to myself, 'what's going on with women veterans not able to carry flags?' When I joined the Marines, I learned respect and discipline," Thompson said.

"My family has a strong history of military service. We have family members who served in the WW1."

Bear Clan leader Dennis Funmaker began the speaking on the Traditional Courts opinion.

"This is the white man's way (to serve in the US military); we are talking apples and oranges. In the 1930s to 1950s, the Ho-Chunk began serving in the US military and came home thinking they gained warrior status. Everything (of this concept) is new. It doesn't matter (what this court says.) Veterans (male or female) are going to do what they want."

Earl Blackdeer of the Deer Clan spoke on the women veterans' rights. He agreed that what the women veterans said is more of a present day observance. He also talked about the intent of the Traditional Court's purpose.

"We represent each clan (or how things are) supposed to be followed (with accurate cultural teaching)," Blackdeer said.

Blackdeer's thought were from days of old; prior to European contact and modern

US military service.

"There'd be a small band of men who would stay back with the women. Women couldn't touch weapons and their own flag," Blackdeer said.

"Now, this has changed. We are trying to represent our past ways. Everything changed. I think the old way."

Roy Greengrass of the Thunder clan quickly responded.

"That (US) flag tried to annihilate us," Greengrass said.

Morgan WhiteEagle, who represents the Native American Church also responded quickly.

"I shouldn't say anything (on this topic)," WhiteEagle said.

Thomas Hopinkah of the Eagle clan was also brief in his response.

"This is the warrior way of the Ho-Chunk, to carry flags," Hopinkah said.

Warrior clan representative Richard Mann spoke about women roles.

"I have no problem with them carrying flags. Up until WWII, we were not recognized by the US government. We suffered more under the US flag. What it represents is horrible. They tried to take our away our language and culture," Mann said.

"But these women veterans earned that right. That's fine with me. I'm in full support of them raise or carry a flag."

James Greendeer of the Deer clan said he served in the US Marine Corps and is a servant to the Ho-Chunk Nation.

"I always said things changed a lot. I have a cusge and daughter sitting here today. Both of them are highly decorated, each earned Bronze Star," Greendeer said.

"I'm not a powwow man. Women can carry flags."

Andy Thundercloud of the Thunder clan talked about Ho-Chunks living in two worlds.

"Today, they can (carry flags) under white man way. We also have a Ho-Chunk way. I tried to listen to my elders. Sometimes things don't jive with white ways," Thundercloud said.

"Women in the service served under the US flag that's adopted from the modern world. Time has progressed. I'm not sure if for the best or not. Women have the right to bear those flags."

Quentin Thundercloud also of the Thunder clan spoke briefly about the women veterans rights.

"We do live in two worlds now. Once you've been in the service, you have the right."



**Jessika Greendeer, Army veteran, and Tasheena Cloud, Navy veteran, stand for photo after standing for their rights as native women veterans to continue to raise and carry flags.**

They earned that right. That's all I got to say," Thundercloud said.

Wayne Falcon, who also represents the Native American Church, summarized the proceedings.

"I want to say thanks for your words. Native women can carry white staffs but not the eagle staff. The question has been asked, and there are no objections. Ho-Chunk way, military men relatives say they had an eagle staff. Going back in a ceremonial fashion, women can't touch the flag," Falcon said.

"Women were allowed in the Women's Air Corps, but were not allowed to see combat. Now they can defend. Ho-Chunk adopted that way. As time progressed, natives died under the US flag and had a flag draped over their casket. We are just moving along. There is no objection. It is going to happen."

Dennis Funmaker noted that he objected to women veterans touching, carrying, and raising flags.

"We didn't do that. You left out that I said that," Funmaker said.

Wayne Falcon added there was one objection.

Heather Cloud added a comment to the discussion.

"Good morning. I came

here today. I didn't mean any disrespect. We brought something over here," Cloud said.

Paul Cloud concluded the discussion.

"Thank you for listening. I came here out of respect for my women relatives. I'm going to protect them every time. My heart feels good today," Cloud said.

Doug Greengrass, US Marine Corps veteran and Bronze Star recipient, was present to support the women veterans rights.

"I support women taking the flags, except the eagle staff. How do other tribes or dominant society do it? In the future, women touching that maybe needed," Greengrass said.

Morgan White Eagle of the Native American Church was ready to comment.

"I figured out what they are talking about here. They came here for tradition. It's Ho-Chunk. They know how it used to be," White Eagle said.

"Women wanted equal rights. They can do everything they want to. That's part of our tradition. They can carry other flags. That's the truth. Eagle staff was not supposed to be touched. That's not a women's job."

**HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING  
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE  
OFFICES-BLACK RIVER  
FALLS, WI  
OCTOBER 4, 2016  
10:00 A.M.**

**Call to Order:** President Wilfrid Cleveland called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**Roll Call:**

President Wilfrid Cleveland-P  
Vice President  
Darren Brinegar-P  
Rep. Greg Blackdeer-P  
Rep. Lori Pettibone-P  
Rep. Douglas Greengrass-P  
Rep. Andrea Estebo-P  
Rep. David Greendeer-EX  
Rep. Henning Garvin-P  
Rep. Kathy DeCamp-P  
Rep. Shelby Visintin-CC  
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-P  
Rep. Matt Mullen-P  
Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-P  
Rep. Robert TwoBears-P  
\*Cc – Via Conference Call

**Determination of Quorum:** Quorum is established.

**Opening Prayer:** President Wilfrid Cleveland offered a word of prayer.

**Approval of Agenda:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to approve the agenda with adding Under District Meetings-Baraboo-Item B. Sanford WhiteEagle Legion Post Request and to hear this next on the agenda, and go into Executive Session to address an agenda item; Under New Business F. Elk Project Update. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer 11-1(Vice President Darren Brinegar)-0

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Sanford WhiteEagle Legion Post Request:**

The Legion Post converted the building from propane heating to natural gas. Alliant Energy request payment in full prior to the installation of the job.

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to approve the Sanford WhiteEagle Legion Post Request in the amount of \$7,000.00 from the District 2 Community Development Funds to the Sanford WhiteEagle Legion Post for the purposes of the natural gas installation, with reconciliation within 30 days, upon project completion, with returning any unused funds to the Ho-Chunk Nation and the check to be made payable to the vendor. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**1<sup>st</sup> Executive Session**

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to go in to Executive Session. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0

**MOTION CARRIED.**

10:14 a.m.

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to ratify all action taken in executive session. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to move into Open Session. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0

**MOTION CARRIED.**

10:52 a.m.

*Ho-Chunk Nation Compensation & Classification Issue-Carol Garvin, Executive Director of Personnel*

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin for the Class & Compensation Project changes to take priority, and classifications to follow with the January 1, 2017 deadline and this motion supersedes the previous motion made on September 22, 2016 at the Administration Committee Meeting, with the motion to be released to Open Session. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 9-0-3(Rep. Robert TwoBears, Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit, Rep. Matt Mullen)

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of Previous**

**Meeting Minutes:**

*Legislative Meeting – September 20, 2016*  
Rep. Andrea Estebo is out of the room.

**MOTION** by Vice President Darren Brinegar to approve the September 20, 2016, Legislative Minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 10-0-1(Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Committee Reports:**

*Administration Committee – September 22, 2016*

**MOTION** by Rep.

Henning Garvin to approve the September 22, 2016 Administration Committee meeting minutes as presented. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 8-0-3(Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit, Rep. Robert TwoBears, Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Resolution-Authorization to Place Proposed Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Occupational Safety and Health Program Act Subsections 6 HCC § 8-9 through 6 HCC § 8-20 Out for Public Comment.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution 10-04-16 A**, Authorization to Place Proposed Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Occupational Safety and Health Program Act Subsections 6 HCC § 8-9 through 6 HCC § 8-20 Out for Public Comment. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Finance Committee –**

**September 28, 2016**

Rep. Andrea Estebo out of the room.

**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to approve the September 28, 2016 Finance

Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp 7-0-4(Vice President Darren Brinegar, Rep. Robert TwoBears, Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Resolution-Authorization of Gaming Compact Credit and Funding Contribution to First Nations Community Financial and Funding Contribution to First Nations Community Financial.*

This item was tabled for review of the Memorandum of Understanding.

**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to **TABLE** the resolutions - Authorization of Gaming Compact Credit and Funding Contribution to First Nations Community Financial and Funding Contribution to First Nations Community Financial, until later in the meeting. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 10-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**  
Rep. Andrea Estebo returns.

*Draft Debarment Law and Moratorium Update:*  
Gennafer Garvin, Legislative Attorney will be working with the Attorney General on this document and will provide updates at the next meeting.

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to **TABLE** the Draft Debarment Law and Moratorium Update. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 11-0-1(Vice President Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Ho-Chunk Nation Higher Education Process Concern-D2*

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to refer the Ho-Chunk Nation Higher Education Process to the next Administration Committee Meeting. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0

**MOTION CARRIED.**

*General Council Resolutions (Standing Agenda Item)*

This is a standing agenda item for 2002 to 2012 General Council Resolutions.

The Legislative Branch has received the 2016 meeting minutes and resolutions. The next step, under the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution Article IV, Section 3A. The Legislature has 45 days from the General Council Meeting to take action on the resolutions adopted. November 1, 2016 is the deadline.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to acknowledge the receipt of the signed 2016 General Council Meeting Minutes, 2016 General Council Resolutions and the Attorney General's Opinion regarding the General Council, and that the Legislature at the

next Legislative Meeting on October 18, 2016 will review the items in accordance with the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution Article IV, Section 3a.

The Legislature has 45 days from the date of the General Council Meeting of September 17, 2016, to take action on the resolutions adopted. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Elk Project and Presentation of Award-Rep. Greg Blackdeer**

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources presented to the Ho-Chunk Nation in appreciation of contributions and commitment to the Wisconsin Elk Reintroduction effort. Rep. Greg Blackdeer mentions that a banquet took place and recognition was given to the Nation with the presentation of the plaque at Dike 17.

**District Meeting:**

**District 2 – Tomah District Meeting – September 20, 2016**

Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit out of the room.

**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to the Law Enforcement Commission and Department of Justice the MOTION by Richard Mann to extend an invitation to a representative of the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department to next month's area meeting. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin 11-0-0

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit returns.

**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to Office of the President the MOTION by Sandy Winneshiek that the Legislators to contact and request that OOP schedule a meeting with the Tomah VA Acting Medical Center Director, Victoria Braham, for discussion regarding the status of the Historical Indian Buildings found within the Indian School Historic District Boundary on Tomah VA Federal Grounds. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 12-0-0

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**District 2 – Madison District Meeting – September 21, 2016**

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to Office of the President, Administration Committee the MOTION by Marlys Whiteagle for OOP to review the Higher Education Program and assess for efficiency and provide stronger customer service and better communication and outreach efforts. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to Office of the President, Administration Committee the MOTION by Sandy Bloomer to investigate that education funding can be adjusted to release book costs earlier. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

**MOTION** by Marlys Whiteagle that the Christmas bonus amounts be \$1500 for elders, \$1000 for adults, and \$500 for youth.

**District 2 –La Crosse District Meeting – September 22, 2016**

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to the Attorney General the **MOTION** by Tracy Littlejohn the General Council staff be placed under the Department of Justice. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to the Office of the President the **MOTION** by Lyndon Funmaker for the Ho-Chunk Nation to purchase the parking rights in the back of the THREE RIVERS HOUSE for employees. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 11-1(Vice President Darren Brinegar)-0

**MOTION CARRIED.****District 2 –Baraboo District Meeting – October 3, 2016**

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to HHCDA to appoint Judy Whitehorse to the HHCDA Board of Commissioners. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0

**MOTION CARRIED.****Neesh-La Women's Group Request –D2**

The motion was made at the area meeting, along with a formal request that was provided.

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to approve to donate \$5,350 to the Neesh-La Women's Group with funds from District 2-Regarding Resolution 02-23-16 H, Fiscal Year Ending 2015 Unexpended Funds Appropriation for Legislative District and Community Improvements, payable to the Alumni Association with reconciliation. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 7-1(Rep. Kathy DeCamp)-4(Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit, Rep. Matt Mullen, Rep. Lori Pettibone, Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**NOTE FOR THE RECORD:****HCG-Dells Roof Issue-D2**

On numerous occasions, reports have come to the District Meetings regarding the roof issues at HCG-Dells. It continues to be a problem, and it is brought up at each area meeting. At the September 20, 2016 District Meeting this was brought up again and the District is looking for a response from the Office of the President of when this will be fixed? Funds were set aside to repair the roof. Files behind the house are getting soaked. Buckets are being placed around the facility. The President will be doing a follow up to the problem.

*Rep. Greg Blackdeer is out of the room.*

**Break for Lunch:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Lori Pettibone to break for lunch. **MOTION DIES FOR A LACK OF A SECOND.**

**Resolution-Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between First Nations Community Financial and the Ho-Chunk Nation.**

*Rep. Greg Blackdeer returns.*

**MOTION** by Rep.

Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution 10-04-16 F**, Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between First Nations Community Financial and the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 10-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears)-1(Rep. Douglas Greengrass)

**MOTION CARRIED.****Resolution-Funding Contribution to First Nations Community Financial.****MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution 10-04-16 G**, Funding Contribution to First Nations Community Financial.

Second by Rep. Matt Mullen 11-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Break for Lunch:**

*Rep. Lori Pettibone is out of the room.*

**MOTION** by Vice President Darren Brinegar to recess for lunch for one hour. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

12:08 p.m.

**Call to Order:** President Wilfrid Cleveland called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

President Wilfrid Cleveland-P Vice President Darren Brinegar-(1:14 p.m.)

Rep. Greg Blackdeer-P

Rep. Lori Pettibone-(1:14 p.m.)

Rep. Douglas Greengrass-P

Rep. Andrea Estebo-P

Rep. David Greendeer-EX

Rep. Henning Garvin-P

Rep. Kathy DeCamp-P

Rep. Shelby Visintin-CC

Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-P

Rep. Matt Mullen-P

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-P

Rep. Robert TwoBears-P

**CC-Conference call****EXECUTIVE SESSION****2<sup>nd</sup>-Executive Session**

**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to go in to Executive Session. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

1:12 p.m.

**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to move into Open Session. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

5:24 p.m.

*Rep. Lori Pettibone and Rep. Greg Blackdeer out of room*

**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Vice President

Darren Brinegar. 10-0-0

**MOTION CARRIED.****District 4 Properties-Rep.**

*Shelby Visintin*

**MOTION** by Rep.

Shelby Visintin to refer to Legislative Counsel and Husch, Blackwell LLP, if necessary, to negotiate a purchase agreement, conduct due diligence, and to close upon the purchase of the 6 homes listed below from District 4 Housing Restricted Line Item #29-0045 subject to a total purchase price not to exceed \$931,800 and subject to the individual home purchase price limits set forth below, but allowing additional funds for closing costs, and (ii) authorize the Vice President to sign the purchase agreements, purchase agreement amendments, settlement statements and all documents required to close upon the purchases.

Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**1. 2922 S. 60th Street with a purchase price of no more than \$162,900**

**2. 6019/6021 W. Lapham Street with a purchase price of no more than \$139,500**

**3. 1020/1020A S. 61st Street with a purchase price of no more than \$155,900**

**4. 4404/4406 W. Cleveland Ave with a purchase price of no more than \$169,700**

**5. 3201/1005 S. 10th Street with a purchase price of no more than \$149,900**

**6. 2913 S. 38th Street with a purchase price of no more than \$153,900**

**Amendment to the Agenda:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to amend the agenda to add the Resolution-Establishment of General Council Legislative Workgroup to the agenda.

Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 9-1(Vice President Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Establishment of General Council Legislative Workgroup.****MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to add **Resolution 10-04-16 I**, Ho-Chunk Nation

Legislature Establishment of General Council Legislative Workgroup. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 9-1(Vice President Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adjourn the Legislative Meeting. The next meeting will take place at Husch, Blackwell Law Offices in Madison, Wisconsin at 10:00 a.m. on October 18, 2016. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathyleen Lone Tree-

Whiterabbit, *Tribal*

*Secretary*

**SUMMONS**

(Second Publication)

**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT****In Re the Paternity of: J.R.L., DOB 08/04/2013**

**Justin D. Littlewolf, Respondent.**

**Case No.: CS 16-62****TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:**

You are hereby information that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE, 4 HCC § 7.36. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order*. *Id.*, § 7.36(b)(v).

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

**SUMMONS**

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**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT****Lightning T. Newrider, Petitioner, v. Keisha M. Vasquez, Respondent.****Case No.: CS 16-73****TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:**

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**Montgomery James Green, Jr., Respondent.**

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# Veterans visit the nation's capital aboard the 25th Badger Honor Flight

Tim Wohlers  
Staff Writer

Upon returning home from war, servicemen and women usually receive a warm welcome from the ones whose freedom they just defended. Unfortunately, in the dark history of our nation, soldiers did not always get such a positive reaction to their homecoming. Instead of being thanked for their service after coming back from Korea or Vietnam, many members of our military were ridiculed and spit on by the very people they had risked their lives to protect.

"We felt like dirt around everybody," said Korea vet Victor Spanton. "It was bad."

So to feel the appreciation that the rest of the country owes them, ninety-one veterans took the 25th Badger Honor Flight to our nation's capital for a day of recognition. They departed from Dane County Regional Airport on the morning of October 22, and landed three hours later at Reagan National Airport. Once in Washington, D.C., the veterans traveled to the monuments built in honor of their great service.

"Our purpose is to take veterans to D.C.," said Chairman of the Badger Honor Flight Board Brian Ziegler, "on an all-expense-paid trip to visit the memorials built in their honor."

Badger Honor Flight (BHF) started in 2009, and began flying vets to the capital less than a year later. Since that time, the organization's sole mission has been to repay veterans for everything they sacrificed in defense of our freedom.

"Our goal is just to take these guys on the trip that they deserve," said Flight Coordinator Jody McClain, "thanking them for their service."

BHF specifically caters to veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. However, any veteran with a terminal illness will move to the top of the priority list. Then, priority is given to the aging WWII vets.

"That makes sense," said Vietnam vet Bruce Solberg, "to do the World War II veterans first."

After landing in the capital, the vets visit various war memorials and other sites of interest. Stops include the Tomb of the Unknowns, the United States Marine Corps War Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and the National World War II Memorial.

"Lincoln Memorial was my favorite," said Spanton. "It was just well done. And the inscriptions on the wall were perfect."

The group on this flight proved particularly lucky. For they got to see something no other group has seen.

"We had extra time," Ziegler said, "because it didn't take much time to load people. So we went to the FDR Memorial. We've never done that before."

All of the visits make for a truly humbling experience, not just for the vets. The volunteers can also feel the powerful effect of the memorials.

"It gives me chills every time," McClain said. "This is my fourth year. And I still get chills."

But the day proves most fulfilling for the veterans themselves. Solberg shared his feelings on visiting the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, which was built in honor of him and his fellow soldiers.

"It was emotional," Solberg said, "because I know a lot of people on there."

The memorials even brought tears to the eyes of many veterans. Among them was the vet who served in Korea.

"It's just really overwhelming," Spanton said. "This means a whole lot."

Every flight, BHF takes about 90 vets to D.C. That number represents the target set by members of the organization.

"It's a lot different than when we first started out," Ziegler said. "We try to do

85-90 veterans on each flight. It's our goal."

And the flight happens four times a year, with two flights taking place in the spring and two in the fall. So thanks to Badger Honor Flight, thousands of vets have now received the opportunity of a lifetime.

"There's still vets out there we want to find and take to D.C.," McClain said. "We want to find all those veterans."

For many vets, the event is retribution for their service and sacrifice. They can finally sense the appreciation for the hardships they endured.

"Some nights weren't pretty," Solberg said. "You never knew what was going to happen next."

And a lot of them got the homecoming reception they deserved, but never had, years ago.

"Everybody just wanted to shake your hand," Spanton said. "We didn't see that when we came home."

As a veteran himself, the president of Badger Honor Flight understands the importance of taking pride in one's past. Thus, he wants to make up for the way many vets were treated upon arriving back home.

"Those were some real tough times," Ziegler said. "So now is their time to be thanked for what they did."

The flight coordinator also wishes to repay our nation's heroes for everything they have done for us. Therefore, she sees the day as a form of redemption.

"They literally saved the world," McClain said. "And they were not treated well when they came home. So this is our chance to redeem ourselves, as a country, and show them how much they mean to us."

The next Badger Honor Flight will take place in April or May of 2017. Those interested in flying are encouraged to sign up early.



Vietnam veteran Bruce Solberg receives the homecoming he deserved almost 50 years ago.



Veterans gather in at the Dane County Regional Airport in Madison, WI, to visit the nation's capital aboard Badger Honor Flight.



Marine Corps veteran Roy Greengrass returns home.



US Marine Corps veteran Jim Greendeer stands proud aside the American flag.

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October 4, 2016

To: President Wilfrid Cleveland  
Vice President Darren Brinegar  
Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature

Cc: Legislative Counsel

From: Ho-Chunk Nation Attorney General Amanda L. WhiteEagle

RE: 2016 General Council Actions

On September 17, 2016, the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council held its annual meeting at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisconsin. The Department of Justice, through the Attorney General, traditionally prepares an opinion for the President and Legislature about each General Council Resolution. The purpose of the opinion is to assist the Legislature in determining what type of action, if any, can be taken on the resolutions. The official General Council minutes were provided by the General Council Secretary Iris Cleveland, and I received a copy on September 29, 2016.

Traditionally, opinions are not rendered on resolutions that failed to be adopted. Nonetheless, the defeat of a resolution does not mean that the General Council adopted the inverse of the resolution. Here is a detailed explanation of the power of the General Council, which was previously promulgated by the Department of Justice:

### Power to Set Policy:

The General Council articulates policy through the voting process. A policy is not a law, and can only be carried out by enactment of law by the Legislature.

### Power to Set General Council Procedures:

Procedures do not require an enactment of law, and it takes effect upon vote of the General Council.

**Power Reserved Only to the General Council:** The General Council retains distinct powers that cannot be accomplished by any other branch of government; those are General Council Removal of Elected Officials and enrollment issues regarding certain types of re-enrollment. The General Council might consider placing such business close to the front of the agenda to insure that those duties specifically assigned to General Council get addressed at every Annual General Council Meeting. Clearly, it is up to the General Council itself to set their own agenda and this was previously suggested for future meetings.

The table below summarizes the constitutional powers of the General Council, which was also previously promulgated by the Department of Justice.

Powers of the General Council	General Council does NOT have the following powers
Set Policy	To Enact Law (power of the Legislature)
Review and Reverse Legislative Action and Return to Legislature for Reconsideration	To Appropriate Funds (power of the Legislature)
Establish Procedures for the General Council	To Enforce Laws and Administer Funds (power of the President)
Call Special Elections	To Review Actions for Hiring/Firing Personnel (Power of the President)
Remove Legislators	To Set Salaries, Terms and Conditions of Employment for Government Personnel (power of the Legislature)
Remove the President	To Set Legislative Procedures, Officers, or Codes of Conduct (power of the Legislature)
Propose Amendments to the CONSTITUTION OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION by calling for a Secretarial Election	To Select and Hire Personnel (power of the President)
Remove Ineligible Tribal Members from the Membership Roll	

### 2016 GENERAL COUNCIL ANALYSIS

#### 09-17-2016-01 Dissolution of the General Council Agency (GCA)

According the CONSTITUTION OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION (hereinafter CONSTITUTION), the “General Council Branch delegate[d] authority to General Council Agency to select, hire manage and supervise General Council Branch personnel to accomplish the tasks mandated by General Council.” CONST., Art. IV, § 3(g)(effective September 28, 2012). The General Council created and approved the constitutionally-created General Council Agency (hereinafter GCA) through its associated bylaws and budgets.<sup>1</sup> Nonetheless, the General Council retains the power to set binding policy. CONST., Art. IV, § 3(a), (f). If the General Council wishes to dissolve the General Council Agency in its entirety, then it will require a constitutional amendment to do so. *See id.*, Art. XIII (effective February 11, 2016).<sup>2</sup>

1 See *infra* n. 3.

2 Prior to the 2012 amendment, the General Council previously dissolved the General Council Planning Committee (hereinafter GCPC). *See General Council Resolution 9/17/05M*. The General Council “review[ed] and revers[ed] actions of the Legislature,” as the GCPC was created by law. *2005 General Council Actions Memorandum* (Nov. 23, 2005) at 7. However, in this instance, the General Council Agency is not created by law, but

In order to comply with both the CONSTITUTION as well as the General Council, the Legislature should structure a law, similar to the HO-CHUNK NATION PLANNING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT ACT, *i.e.*, the HO-CHUNK NATION GENERAL COUNCIL AGENCY OFFICE ESTABLISHMENT ACT. The Legislature may incorporate the General Council’s policy into law. The resolution specifically indicated how the General Council wishes its office to function. *General Council Resolution 09/17/2016-01*. First, the Office would coordinate with tribal membership three months prior to the General Council meeting for all meeting specifications. Second, only one tribal member per district will represent and assist with the coordination of the annual General Council meetings; the General Council requested a prohibition against current members serving for the prospective five (5) years. Third, all of the General Council Agency bylaws are rescinded. Fourth, all board members are to return any and all property assigned to them. And finally, no further GCA meetings shall occur upon approval of this resolution.

The General Council cast 1,761 votes, and the Resolution was **PASSED** with 1,176 Affirming, 576 Opposing, and 117 Abstaining.

#### 09-17-2016-02 Untitled

This resolution approves fiscal year 2018 General Council budget. *General Council Resolution 09/17/2016-02*. According the CONSTITUTION, the Legislature “shall enact an annual budget. The budget shall include an appropriation of operating funds for each branch of the government. The Legislature shall not appropriate funds which have not been authorized by law. No item shall be included in the budget if it is not authorized by law.” CONST., Art. V, § 13. The Ho-Chunk Nation APPROPRIATIONS & BUDGET PROCESS ACT, specifically indicates that the “General Council Agency shall submit the proposed annual budget for the General Council and General Council Agency to the Finance Committee . . .” APPROPRIATIONS & BUDGET PROCESS ACT, 2 HCC §4.5b(4). Additionally, the General Council rescinded the General Council Agency Bylaws.<sup>3</sup> *See id.*, at 2.

The resolution states that “for the FY 2018 General Council Budget is approved in the amount of no less than \$1,410,934.00 . . .” *Id.* The General Council previously delegated its authority to “the legislative branch to make laws and appropriate funds in accordance with Article V.” CONST., Art. IV, § 2. The Legislature may continue to exercise its constitutionally delegated duty, and is not required to approve the budget as proposed.

The General Council cast 1,734 votes, and the Resolution was **PASSED** with 876 Affirming, 680 Opposing, and 178 Abstaining.

#### 09-17-2016-03 To Increase Per Capita Allocation to 80% General Welfare Fund and Increase Per Capita Payments

Under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, an Indian Tribe may make per capita payments to members to provide for their general welfare, if it has a Bureau of Indian Affairs, approved revenue allocation plan. The federal requirements for tribal revenue allocation plans adopted under the IGRA are set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations, 25 C.F.R. Part 290, which contains procedures for submitting, reviewing, and approving such plans for distributing net revenues from tribal gaming activities.

The PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTION ORDINANCE specifies the allocation of Tribal Gaming Revenues. The resolution “respectfully requests that the Legislature amend the Per Capita Distribution Ordinance and Tribal Allocation Plan to 80% to provide for General Welfare of the tribal members and to cut the other revenue allocations to accommodate this increase.” *See General Council Resolution 09/17/2016-03* at 1. Based upon the language, the General Council is not mandating, but requesting that the Legislature amend the tribal revenue allocation plan – this is discretionary.

Ideally, the Legislature should complete a feasibility analysis and study, and share the data with the tribal members as to the findings. The General Council has set its policy and requests an increase to the tribal revenue allocation plan with regards to the General Welfare of the Nation or its members; currently, the tribal revenue allocation plan indicates that 78.26% is to provide for the General Welfare of the Nation or its members. PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTION ORDINANCE, 2 HCC §12.6a(2).

The resolution indicates that a tribal member “who desire(s) may opt out of this increase.” *General Council Resolution 09/17/2016-03* at 2. Nevertheless, each member must receive equal treatment, and thus the same amount of per capita distribution. CONST., Art. X, § 1(a)(8). The mechanism for a member to simply “opt out” must be researched with regards to its constitutionality and fairness.

by the CONSTITUTION.

3 The draftsman made reference to the General Council Agency Bylaws mandate that a budget must be submitted to the General Council. However, the General Council passed General Council Agency Bylaws in September 2009. *See Resolution 09/12/2009-A*. The Bylaws were only amended one time since their enactment; however, such amendment did not affect the budget process. *See Resolution 09/27/2014-1*. The General Council Agency Bylaws do not indicate that the General Council or the General Council Agency budget must be approved by the General Council.

The General Council indicates if the Legislature does not take action within 90 days to enact legislation, this the “matter shall be placed on a referendum ballot and a special election shall be held within 180 days.” *General Council Resolution 09/17/2016-03* at 2. The CONSTITUTION already addresses what is to occur if there is inaction by the legislative or executive branch in the 2012 constitutional amendment.

The General Council retains the power to set policy for the Nation . . . This policy shall be made into laws . . . by the Legislative Branch of the Ho-Chunk Nation within forty-five (45) days after a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council at Annual Meetings . . . The Executive Branch shall enforce this policy within sixty (60) days of the majority vote . . . In the event that this policy is not enacted by the Legislative Branch or enforced by the Executive Branch within fifteen (15) days of the aforementioned deadlines, the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council shall file suit in the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Court [sic] against elected officials of the Ho-Chunk Nation branch of government.

CONST., Art. IV, § 3(a). To date, the Nation has not had a direct vote in which the entire electorate is asked to vote on a particular proposal, which results in the adoption of a new law. “The General Council . . . authorize[d] the legislative branch to make laws and appropriate funds in accordance with Article V.” *Id.*, Art. IV, § 2. Even to the extent the Legislature amended its laws to allow for referenda, it is not beholden to enact whatever the entire electorate voted for in a particular proposal. The General Council already delegated that authority to the Legislature.

The PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTION ORDINANCE is under the purview of the Legislature, and any changes are discretionary.

The General Council cast 1,818 votes, and the Resolution was **PASSED** with 1,200 Affirming, 561 Opposing, and 57 Abstaining.

#### 09-17-2016-04 Resolutions made into Law within One Year

The resolution indicates that “if the Legislature does not enact or formally reject by written resolution within one year the approved resolutions are automatically enacted into law by default.”

According the CONSTITUTION, the General Council delegated to the legislative branch the authority to “make laws and appropriate funds in accordance with Article V.” CONST., Art. IV, § 2. The CONSTITUTION addresses what is to occur if there is inaction by the legislative or executive branch in the 2012 constitutional amendment.

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*Id.*, Art. IV, § 3(a). The General Council has usurped the constitutionally-delegated authority for the Legislature to make laws. “The General Council . . . authorize[d] the legislative branch to make laws and appropriate funds in accordance with Article V.” *Id.*, Art. IV, § 2. This resolution undermines the plain language of the CONSTITUTION. Ideally, a procedure would be set in place, which appropriately responds to the General Council or the General Council participants, which articulately discusses the proposed action or inaction by the other branches of government; the General Council requests enactment or a formal rejection. Again, there is recourse available to the General Council already. *Id.*, Art. IV, § 3(a).

The General Council cast 1,715 votes, and the Resolution was **PASSED** with 1,226 Affirming, 376 Opposing, and 113 Abstaining.

#### 09-17-2016-05 Special Election to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution for the Rights of Nature

The General Council retains the authority to request a “secretarial election.”<sup>4</sup> See CONST., Art. XIII, § 2. The CONSTITUTION indicates that “[i]t shall be the duty of the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board to call and hold an election on any proposed amendment to this Constitution . . . at the request of the General Council . . .” *Id.*, Art. XIII, § 2.

The General Council retains the power to set policy for the Nation, and the people have laudable trepidations regarding the Nation’s future environment. Based upon this policy, the General Council wished to add constitutional rights to protect the rights of nature and add a provision under the Bill of Rights.

The General Council cast 1,757 votes, and the Resolution was **PASSED** with 1,587 Affirming, 107 Opposing, and 63 Abstaining.

#### 09-17-2016-06 Amend Ho-Chunk Housing Program to Provide Housing for Elite Elders

This policy-setting resolution may violate the equal protection clause contained in the CONSTITUTION. CONST., Art. X, § 1(a)(8). The resolution states that:

4 The CONSTITUTION retained the words “Secretarial Election,” even though the section no longer requires the Secretary of the Interior’s approval to amend the CONSTITUTION.

the Ho-Chunk Nation Housing Program be amended for individuals that qualify as elite elders to get homes if they have the ability to maintain them within one year from the approval of this resolution. No new homes will be provided until the elite elders on the current waiting list are provided homes.

*General Council Res.* 09-17-2016-06. The resolution is designed to place elite elders above all other housing program recipients based upon age. This resolution may be deemed unconstitutional as no other tribal members are provided services from the Housing Department until the elite elders are provided services. The resolution erects an absolute bar against all other tribal members, and potentially other elite elders (who are not currently on the waiting list) from receiving homes; “[n]o new homes will be provided until the elite elders on the current waiting list are provided homes.” To the extent that the Legislature wishes to develop such a categorization, then the law must demonstrate that it is “rationally related” to a “legitimate” government interest.

In the past, the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court agreed with legislative characterization of home ownership assistance, but that it may only afford such assistance when financially capable of doing so, negating any designation as an entitlement. *See Kirkwood v. Decorah, et al.*, CV 04-33 (HCN Tr. Ct., Feb. 11, 2005). In *Kirkwood*, *dicta* suggested that the Legislature violated the plaintiff’s right to full and equal enjoyment of the benefits associated with tribal enrollment when they imposed a five (5) year enrollment restriction for anyone receiving an elder home. Kirkwood would have received a home, but for the five (5) year restriction of enrollment imposed by the Legislature, which was considered to run afoul of the tribal member enrollment guarantee conferred by the TRIBAL ENROLLMENT & MEMBERSHIP CODE.

Presently the Housing program has four (4) different categories of general welfare assistance: non-elders, veterans, elders, and combat veterans. The elders and combat veterans assistance programs receive assistance in the form of a grant, which must be satisfied through a contractual agreement with the Nation. It appears as though the goal of the pending resolution is already being met as the Housing program present provides housing assistance to ten (10) elders annually already but that it does not only serve elite elders but all tribal members of all ages.

The General Council cast 1,637 votes, and the Resolution was **PASSED** with 1,183 Affirming, 356 Opposing, and 98 Abstaining.

#### 09-17-2016-07 Provide Alternative Energy Sources to Ho-Chunk Elders.

The General Council retains the power to set binding policy. CONST., Art. IV, § 3(a), (f). The General Council wants to see the creation of a program that will provide “interested” elders access to funding and programs that will put alternative energy in elder homes. *General Council Resolution 09/17/2016-07* at 1. The resolution further states that prioritizes elders with special needs. Again, to the extent that the Legislature wishes to develop such a categorization, then the law must demonstrate that it is “rationally related” to a “legitimate” government interest because Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members each have the right to full and equal enjoyment of the benefits associated with tribal enrollment. CONST., Art. X, § 1(a)(8).

However, the resolution oversteps policy and intrudes upon a constitutionally delegated provision when it mandates that the “resolution shall be submitted as part of the annual budget process from this day forward until repealed.” *General Council Resolution 09/17/2016-07* at 2. Nonetheless, an additional, albeit interesting caveat, the General Council would like an explanation by the Vice President to the extent that the resolution is not funded.

The General Council cast 1,683 votes, and the Resolution was **PASSED** with 1,372 Affirming, 231 Opposing, and 80 Abstaining.

#### 09-17-2016-08 Lower the Elder Eligibility Age from 60-50 and Elite Elder Age from 70-60

No action necessary; the resolution was defeated.  
The General Council cast 1,784 votes, and the Resolution was **DEFEATED** with 630 Affirming, 1,112 Opposing, and 42 Abstaining.

#### 09-17-2016-09 Rescind Resolution 9/19/15-9 Rights of Nature

No action necessary; the resolution was defeated.  
The General Council cast 1,731 votes, and the Resolution was **DEFEATED** with 624 Affirming, 782 Opposing, and 325 Abstaining.

#### 09-17-2016-10 Decrease the Eligibility of the Per Capita Distribution from Age 25 to 18.

No action necessary; the resolution was defeated.  
The General Council cast 1,876 votes, and the Resolution was **DEFEATED** with 245 Affirming, 1,586 Opposing, and 45 Abstaining.

#### 09-17-2016-11 Provide Tribal Health Insurance to All Tribal Members that Need it.

No action necessary; the resolution was defeated.  
The General Council cast 1,784 votes, and the Resolution was **DEFEATED** with 797 Affirming, 930 Opposing, and 57 Abstaining.

#### 09-17-2016-12 Removal of Wilfrid Cleveland from President of the Ho-Chunk Nation for Felony Convictions While in Office

No action necessary; the resolution was defeated.  
The General Council cast 1,909 votes, and the Resolution was **DEFEATED** with 405 Affirming, 1,386 Opposing, and 118 Abstaining.

<b>Attorney General:</b> Amanda L. WhiteEagle	<b>Senior Tribal Counsel:</b> Wendi A. Huling Michael D. Oeser	<b>Tribal Counsel:</b> Michelle M. Greendeer-Rave Nicole M. Homer	<b>Tribal Prosecutor:</b> Rebecca Maki-Wallander
<b>Tribal Attorneys:</b> Erik S. Shircel, Bruce Elliott Reynolds, Angelia Naquayouma	<b>Paralegals:</b> Sue Thompson, Alana T. DeCora-Ayesh, Amanda Glasspoole, Jessica Millis	<b>Victim/Witness Coordinator:</b> Vacant	

The Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Veterans Affairs and the Sanford White Eagle Post 556 will be sponsoring a short program to recognize and honor all of our veterans on Veterans Day (same as last year's event - rotating location)

## HO-CHUNK NATION VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

Thursday November 10, 2016

Noon luncheon \* Mini Pow-wow  
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Mini Pow Wow will be held at the House of Wellness

12:00 pm Soup & Sandwich, USMC birthday cake & coffee will be served at the House of Wellness  
1:00 pm Presentation of Colors & Flag Song  
1:15 pm Invocation - TBA  
1:20 pm Remarks - TBA  
1:30 pm 4 Service Songs  
2:00 pm Warrior Songs  
3:00 pm Retire Colors



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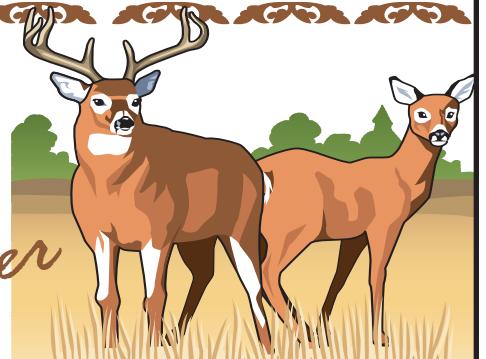
### Monthly Meeting

NOVEMBER 17, 2016 @ 4:30 P.M.  
DECEMBER 15, 2016 @ 4:30 P.M.

Trust & Investment Committee Regular Monthly Meetings are held in the Treasury Department Conference Room on the third Thursday of every month located on the 2nd floor of the Tribal Office Building.

Elders  
Birthdays

November



1 Dawn Littlejohn	13 Tennyson De Cora
2 Ruth Whitehorse Burns	14 Barbara Schaub
Roger Garlow	Lindley Thompson Jr.
Stanley Decorah	Scott Rabyor
3 Wesley Brockhaus	15 Lois Lonetree
4 Michael La Mere	Gregory Johnson
Gertrude Rusu	17 Margaret Pardini
Carol Garvin	Shirley Petersen
Dale Littlejohn	Jo Ann Maney
5 Christine Funmaker	18 Mary Jo Brooks Hunter
6 Georgia Oltman	Daniel Sine
7 Leona Davenport	19 Marilyn Vasquez
Earl Topping	20 Gail Funmaker
Kirk Matcha	21 Robert Yellowbank
Laura Snake	Robert Mudd
8 Carol Reise	22 Errol Whitewing
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Sandra Sue Lanier	23 Martin Yellowbank
Sandra Winneshiek	24 Elena Greendeer
Rosemarie Adams	Elizabeth Houle
10 Thomas Hopinkah	25 Louise Redcloud
Delphine Blackcoon	Mary Anwash
Byron Lonetree	27 Sharyn Whiterabbit
Michael Greengrass	Sheryl Cook
Barbara Goodbear	28 Myrtle Long
Christine Webster-Steele	Joseph Gleason
11 Charlotte Tipton	30 Alvin Rockman
Rosetta Rae Hunt	
Lionel Pettibone Sr.	

Carlson Gracie Team Tomah  
Invites you to Gi and No Gi  
seminar featuring

RFA inaugural welterweight champion  
VFC middleweight champion  
UFC veteran

Antoine "Fumuca" Evans



Mike "Biggie" Rhodes

4 x Pan American No Gi Champion  
2 x Pan American Gi silver medalist  
2 x Worlds Gi medalist  
2 x Worlds No Gi silver medalist



Saturday November  
5th, 2016  
12:00-3:00

Carlson Gracie Team Tomah  
27867 Highway 21  
Tomah, WI 54660  
For more info: (608)387-0392

Twelve Clans, Inc.  
Ho-Chunk Nation Section 17 Corporation

**Twelve Clans, Inc. is Seeking Board Candidate to fill Board Vacancy**

Qualifications of Board Member

Twelve Clans, Inc. is seeking to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors.

In accordance with Article XI(B)(3)(4), the Director shall be a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is an attorney with appropriate experience, education and background in business matters.

Additionally, the Director shall possess the level of business experience and expertise to be necessary to carry out duties of Board Directors and to contribute to the ability of the Corporation to achieve the purpose for which this Charter is issued.

If you are interested in learning more about the position or would like to refer another person for the position, please email [info@12-clans.com](mailto:info@12-clans.com).

All recommended Board Candidates must take and pass criminal background check:

- No person convicted of a felony shall sit on the Board.
- No person who has ever been convicted of any crime involving theft or conversion of money or property shall sit on the Board.
- Shall give preference to a person who have good moral character and who meet the requisite licensing requirement, if any.

Districts	EB Delegate	Alternate
Black River Falls	1	1
Wisconsin Rapids	1	1
Wittenberg	1	1
Wisconsin Dells	1	1
Green Bay	1	1
Chicago	1	1
St. Paul/Minneapolis	1	1

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**4:00 PM – FRIDAY, December 2, 2016**

**HO-CHUNK NATION ELECTION BOARD OFFICE**  
**206 S. Roosevelt Road**  
**P.O. Box 756**  
**Black River Falls, WI. 54615**

**715/284-8900 • 800/890-0583 • 715/284-8600 Fax**

Posted 10/1/2016

**NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIAISON**

The School District of Wisconsin Dells is seeking an individual to fill a Native American School Community Liaison position, 16 hrs./week for 2016-2017 school year. The person in this position will assist in carrying out portions of the Title VII grant goals for the 2016-2017 school year. They will also provide liaison services between the School District of Wisconsin Dells (SDWD) staff and Ho-Chunk community, develop an evaluation process for the Title VII grant (in conjunction with the parent committee), collect and maintain all 506 forms for the Title VII grant, Assist Title VII Coordinator in completing the Title VII grant and all federal reports related to the Title VII program, participate in and help coordinate curriculum and staff development activities related to teaching Native American students and compliance with the intent of Title VII and Wisconsin Act 31, and assist SDWD staff in finding needed support and services for students within our district. Serving as a Liaison between the Ho-Chunk Nation, SDWD and families regarding support, and services that can benefit Native American students.

The ideal candidate will have: 1) Minimum of a Bachelor's degree in Education or Human Services or successful experience working in the education field; 2) Successful experience working with the Ho-Chunk Nation or other Native American agencies; 3) Must be knowledgeable of the Ho-Chunk culture, values; 4) Experience working with public school districts and tribal communities; 5) Must demonstrate solid organizational and technology skills; 6) Must be knowledgeable of Title VII guidelines, federal grants and budgets; 7) Must be able to communicate with students ages 4-21, parents, teachers, small groups and large groups; 8) A valid teaching license or the ability to obtain a Wisconsin teaching license would be preferred.

Apply through the WECAN website at <https://services.education.wisc.edu/wecan/>.

Position will be available until filled.

**Notice of Vacancy and Deadline  
For Districts 1, 3 & 5 to Nominate  
Election Board Delegate and Alternate**

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**UW Stout College Visit**  
**Friday, November 18, 2016**



- Open to Ho-Chunk High School students & their families
- PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!
- Campus tour, admissions information, guest speakers, and much more
- Breakfast, lunch, and limited transportation available at no cost



**For more information & to register, contact**

**Carla at:**

**715-284-4915**

**Higher.Education@ho-chunk.com**

**\*Registration Deadline: Monday, Nov. 14th**

# Ho-Chunk Nation Domestic Abuse Division hosts 5k color run

Marlon WhiteEagle  
Editor

The Ho-Chunk Nation Domestic Abuse Division hosted a 5k Color Fun Run and Walk at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls on Saturday October 22. October is Domestic Violence awareness month.

The 5k color run and walk was to raise awareness about Domestic Violence, with the theme: Break the silence, end the violence.

It was free to participate.

The first 100 participants received a free pair of sun glasses and a bandana. Door prizes, such as gift certificates, lawn chairs, a bike, and some Green Bay Packers tickets, were given away.

Participants were instructed to wear white, because at various points along the course colored powder was sprayed at runners creating a unique souvenir shirt to remember the day.

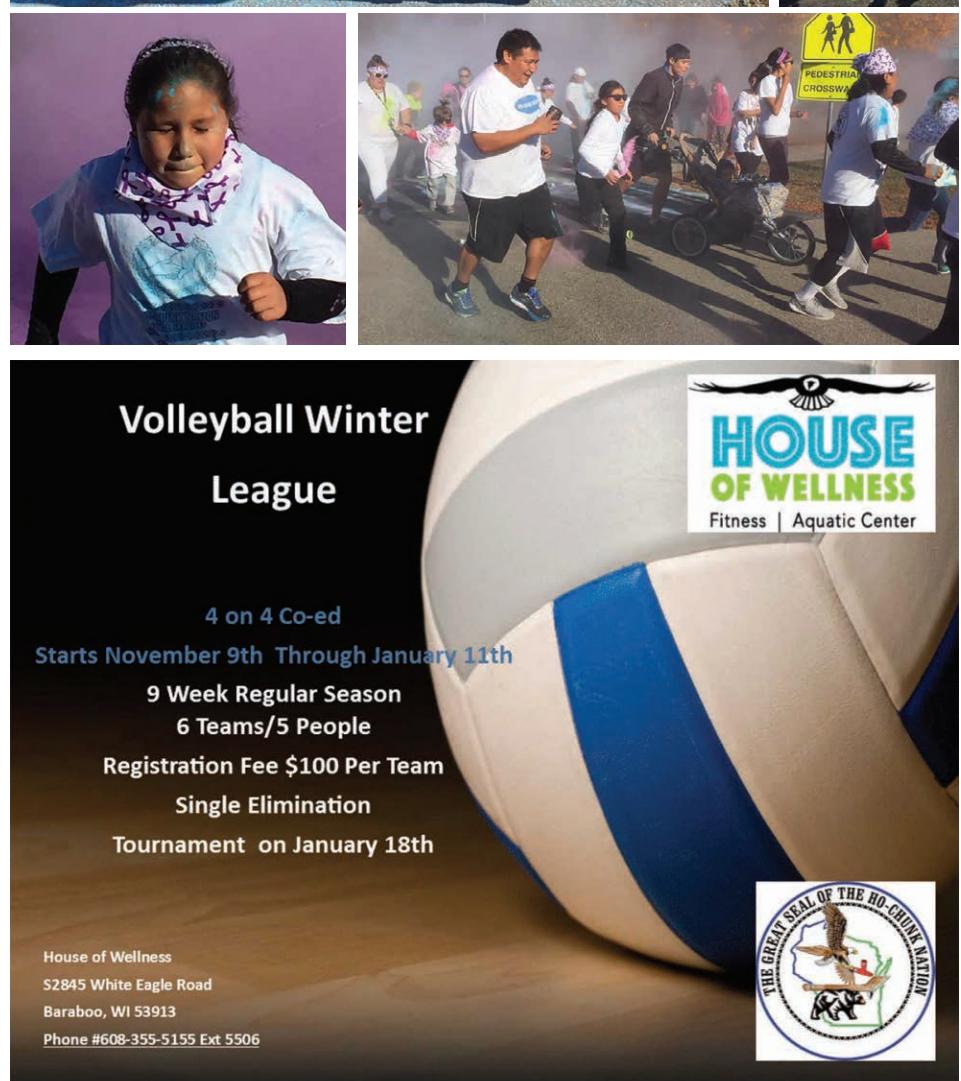
The event was well attended, by youth and adults.



**Volleyball Winter League**

4 on 4 Co-ed  
Starts November 9th Through January 11th  
9 Week Regular Season  
6 Teams/5 People  
Registration Fee \$100 Per Team  
Single Elimination  
Tournament on January 18th

House of Wellness  
52845 White Eagle Road  
Baraboo, WI 53913  
Phone #608-355-5155 Ext 5506



**HOUSE OF WELLNESS**  
Fitness | Aquatic Center

**3X-3 LEAGUE**

House of Wellness 3 on 3 Co-ed Basketball League  
League starts Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 2016, ending Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> 2017.  
Tournament games Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> 2017.  
\*Team roster must include 2 female players.  
8 Team Limit – Each team will play each other 2 times.  
Registration Fee: \$100.00/Team – 5 Players/Team.  
Cash/Check. No Refunds.

**REGISTER NOW!**